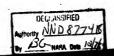
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-2- 354, OCTOBER 8, 9 PM, FROM BERLIN

KEEPING FLAGS FLYING DURATION ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS.
I SAID QUESTION TAKING ACTION IS, OF COURSE, PROBLEM
COORDINATION ON ALLIED AS WELL AS GERMAN SIDE. I ADDED,
AS PERSONAL OBSERVATION, THAT I ASSUMED, SHOULD WORKERS
FROM MEST BERLIN REMOVE FLAGS (AS LETTER FROM DGB TO BRANDT
INDICATED), POLICE WOULD, OF COURSE, HAVE TO INTERVENE
BECAUSE SUCH AN OVERT THREAT TO LAW AND ORDER COULD NOT BE

BRANDT REPLIED BY STATING SENATOR LIPSCHITZ, WHO AS INTERIOR SENATOR CONTROLS POLICE, HAD BEEN CALLED BACK FROM VACATION AND ARRIVED THIS MORINING. HE ADDED, SOMEWHAT CRYPTICALLY, THAT LIPSCHITZ MIGHT BE IN POSITION "PLAY BOTH CARDS, POLICE AND THOSE WHO FEEL PROVOKED BY EAST GERMAN ACTION."

I ENDORSE STRONG POSITION TAKEN BY US REPS COMMANDANTS MEETINGS AND BELIEVE WE SHOULD CONTINUE PRESS FOR AGREED TRIPARTITE ACTION TO REMOVE FLAGS BEFORE IT BECOMES TOO LATE. SEEMS EVIDENT (SEE USBER TEL 353 TO DEPT) THAT WRAPS MUST BE TAKEN OFF BRIT AND FRENCH REPS (PARTICULARLY LATTER) BEFORE WE CAN EXPECT THEM AGREE TO WHAT WE CONSIDER MINIMUM ADEQUATE RESPONSE TO THIS CHALLENGE.

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